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REF: ATHENS 1369

1. PUBLICATION OF THE PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT ON CYPRUS GENERATED NO FURTHER NEWS COVERAGE IN THE ATHENS PAPERS FEBRUARY 13, FOLLOWING INITIAL REPRINT OF VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE REPORT BY ONE PAPER THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON (REFTEL).

2. THE ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS IN TWO SMALL PIECES, ONE IN THE PRO-PASOK ATHINAIKI AND THE OTHER IN COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR'S AVGHI. INTER ALIA, BOTH PIECES HIGHLIGHT THE REPORT'S REFERENCES TO IOANNIDES' CONTACTS WITH THE CIA.

3. COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF A BETTER EXPLANATION, WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT BECAUSE THE REPORT REFUTES STANDING GREEK MYTHOLOGY THAT THE U.S. ORGANIZED AND GUIDED THE OVERTHROW OF MAKARIOS, THE PRESS HERE HAS CHOSEN LARGELY TO IGNORE IT.

4. AS THE TWO EDITORIALS SUGGEST, IF AND WHEN THERE IS A CYPRUS TRIAL HERE, IOANNIDES MAY HAVE DIFFICULTIES
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SQUARING HIS CONSTANT DENIALS OF ANY CONTACTS WITH THE

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